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WILD ANIMALS UNDER PRIVATE CAPTIVITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines issued by the Government regarding prevention of wild animals from being held in private captivity;

(b) the number of cases detected for violation of these guidelines during the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken against the persons found guilty of keeping the wold animals under their captivity during the aforesaid period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) According to Section 39 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act,1972, no person can acquire or keep in his possession, custody or control any wild animal without prior permission of Chief Wildlife Warden. Such permissions are usually not granted.

(b)&(c) Since implementation of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 is mainly the responsibility of the State Government, such information about the cases of keeping animals in captivity in violation of the Act, Rules or guidelines made there under is not compiled at Central Government level. Only one case of keeping a Cheetal in captivity in violation of the Act was brought to the notice of the Central Government. In exercise of power under section 54 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act,1972, officers of the State Government compounded the case for Rs.2000/- and the animal was given to Van-Vihar National Park.